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Rochester's Congregational Church Fellowship Hall was bursting with friends, relatives and townspeople who gathered on Sunday afternoon, December 11, to honor George and Katherine Church. Joan Pierce, from Massachusetts Fisheries and Wildlife, welcomed a large crowd and introduced Susan Adams from the Rochester Land Trust who thanked folks for showing their appreciation for the Church's recent protection of 163 acres along the Mattapoissett River. Allen Decker from the Coalition for Buzzards Bay (CBB) also thanked people for their strong support of land conservation in the region.

Anna White shared a short history of the Church family and the land that is now protected. She told the

group: "The first Richard Church arrived in Plymouth in 1630 and married Elisabeth Warren in 1635. They had six children, including Nathaniel, father of a second Richard Church, born in 1669. This Richard Church and his wife Hannah were the parents of the next Richard Church, born in Scituate in 1697. In 1725, Richard and his wife Anna, with their young children and several families from Sandwich, Marshfield and Scituate, migrated to Rochester. In March of 1726, 'he purchased for the sum of 315 Pounds Sterling, a tract of land in Rochester, lying on the Mattapoissett River, and containing 350 acres,' the northern boundary of this tract being, according to the deed, 'the path leading from Rochester to Rhode Island.'"

Ms. White went on to relate that Richard Church



Above: George and Katherine Church of Rochester (center) were recently honored for permanently protecting 163 acres of open space along the Mattapoissett River in their beloved hometown. The couple, whose family can be traced back to the earliest days of Rochester, was honored last month by the Rochester Land Trust for their generous donation.


Right: Bess Marie Pierre of Marion happily makes a donation for Hurricane Relief at Edaville Railroad recently while fellow Marion resident Christian Smith takes a break from chainsaw carving bears. Mr. Smith will be giving a presentation on Hurricane Relief Efforts at the Marion Music Hall on Sunday, January 8 beginning at 5:00 pm in preparation for a return visit to the Gulf States to volunteer. (Photo by E. Pierre).




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worked as a carpenter and owned and operated the first sawmill on that Mattapoisett River, which he built in 1748 after obtaining the "right to flow the meadow land from the first of September until the first of April each year" from Amos Mendell. The mill site is Church's Falls — well-known to Rochester residents who have challenged it in the annual Memorial Day Boat Races. Generations of Churches have lived on that land, farming, cutting firewood and timber, milling, and working in, around and for Rochester.

Knowing this, it shouldn't be surprising to learn that George served as Rochester's Surveyor of Wood Bark and Lumber for 35 years. He was also as an Assessor for 23 years and Cemetery Commissioner from 1958 until earlier this year. Katherine has been a Trustee of the Plumb Memorial Library since 1964, was Council on Aging (COA) Director for 10 years, and an alternate of the Historic District Commission. She was also President of the Women' Club.

In a short speech toward the end of the afternoon, George explained that he and Katherine had no children and didn't want to see all the land go to houses. Several years ago, they began planning to preserve the legacy of Richard Church who settled here nearly 300 years ago. Their permanent protection of this 163 acres is their second step in this process and one for which we are all grateful.

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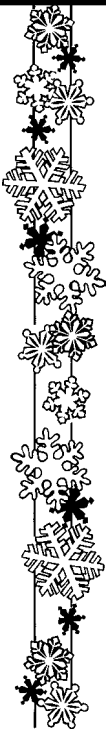
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Christian Smith, a chainsaw carver from Marion, was horrified by the reports about the lack of response in the week following Hurricane Katrina. Others were compelled to give, but Mr. Smith felt the need to take it one step further, sidestepping the major relief organizations that had been bogged down by the enormity of the disaster in favor of an independently led relief trip to the stricken coast. Chris recruited friend Stan Bradford and the two organized a hometown relief effort, collecting donated goods in their community and drove them 1500 miles south, delivering the supplies door to door in the town of Sliddell, LA.

While on the Gulf Coast, Mr. Smith witnessed the utter destruction that Katrina visited on Hancock County, MS. Upon his first return home he set to work collecting donations and saving money for a second trip to Hancock county. After six weeks home he had begged, borrowed and sold off enough of his possessions to afford his second trip. Realizing that he could accomplish more as part of a group than on his own, this time he planned to volunteer for three weeks at The New Waveland Cafe,



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The New Waveland Cafe started as a few concerned self starters but ended up being one of the largest and most efficient relief centers on the gulf coast. It played an instrumental role in getting the residents of Hancock County back on its feet and attracted national attention, being featured in places like NPR and *The Los Angeles Times* for its unique community-based approach to disaster relief.

Currently, Chris is back in Massachusetts saving for his third trip and trying to raise awareness for the continuing plight of those affected by Katrina and funds for emergencycommunities.org, a non-profit created to support the efforts of those from the New Waveland Cafe. The organization has been invited by St. Bernard's Parish to set up a new kitchen for twelve weeks in the heavily damaged area just south of the ninth Ward in New Orleans to help residents make it through the winter. Most of the community is still living in tents and trailers and



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Mr. Smith is not alone in his fundraising. He has partnered with Edaville Railroad in Carver, MA and they have been fundraising throughout the holiday season during their " Holiday Festival of Lights." Also, Sperry Tents of Marion have agreed to donate two function tents to the cause to set up as dining facilities down in St. Bernards Parish.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

January 3, 2006

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, January 3 at 6:30 pm by Chairman Jonathan Henry. Also present were Selectman Andrew Jeffrey, Selectman David Pierce, Town Administrator Jack Dolan, and Secretary Helene Craver.

The board first went into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations and then resumed in Open Session at 7:03 pm.

"In the Executive Session, it was voted to grant (Town Administrator Jack) Dolan a three-year contract with salary to be determined," Chairman Henry announced.

The board next met with members of Marion

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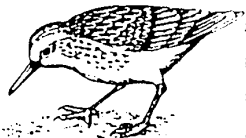
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VFW Post 2425 to discuss plans for the annual Fourth of July Parade. According to Fourth of July Parade Chairman Rodney P. Hunt in a letter to the board, he was concerned over some comments made about the most recent parade event and he wanted to know if the Board of Selectmen was unhappy with how the VFW has handled the parade.

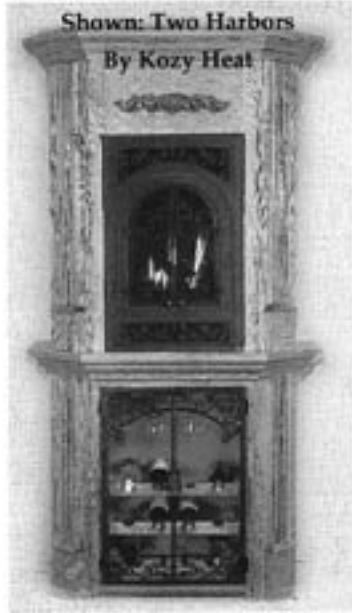
"We have run the parade with short membership ... we send out invitations every year," said Mr. Hunt. "Considering everything we did, we still heard complaints about the parade, the way it was run, complaints from the Fire Department that we didn't allow them to (sound their sirens). We're trying to get a sense for what direction the town would like to go. We're open to suggestions. If you'd like to put more people on our committee, we have no problem with that, but we can't operate with people saying things behind our backs."

"We've been putting on the parades in Marion for over 70 years," added VFW member Joseph Zora Sr. "It's a heck of a lot of work. It's not easy ... it's one tough job. I think we are still are successful at what we do."

"I'd like to certainly acknowledge the impact of the VFW Post on the town," Chairman Henry said. "I don't know who you're referring to when you say people are talking behind your back — it's certainly not at this level. But if you feel you need help, we can do that. Maybe all you need is more people to work with you on the committee level. I have no intention — and I don't think the board does — to change the leadership with

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regard to the Fourth of July Parade. I just think you need help. We're not looking to make a big change here."

"What is the board's position on (sounding the sirens)?" Mr. Hunt asked.

"Well, I think a fire engine without a siren is just a funny-looking red vehicle," Chairman Henry said.

"I'd like to offer some help, if we can," Selectman Pierce said. "Maybe we can find some additional people to serve on your planning committee."

Selectman Jeffrey suggested the VFW meet with their membership and then come back to them within a month with some suggestions as to how many additional people they'd need to round out their planning committee.

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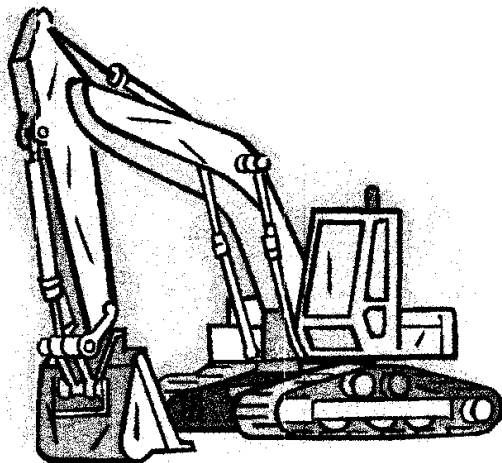
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The board unanimously agreed to endorse the grant application as submitted.

"This grant will require a Town Meeting vote ... in May," Mr. Rockwell added.

Chairman Henry next noted he attended a meeting last week with the Board of Health to reconsider the recent staffing issue between the Board of Health and Planning Board. He has been getting input from various town boards and residents on the matter but the board remains supportive of Mr. Dolan's recommended staffing changes.

"The Board (of Selectmen) didn't hire the Town Administrator to simply be a caretaker and preserve the status quo," read Selectman Jeffrey from a prepared statement. "Neither this board nor the townspeople who elected us expect the Town Administrator to sit back and do nothing when he sees an instance where our human resources are underutilized and greater efficiencies may be achieved simply because change is unwelcome or difficult for some. We not only support our Administrator in his



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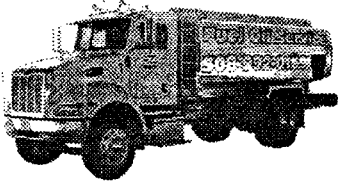
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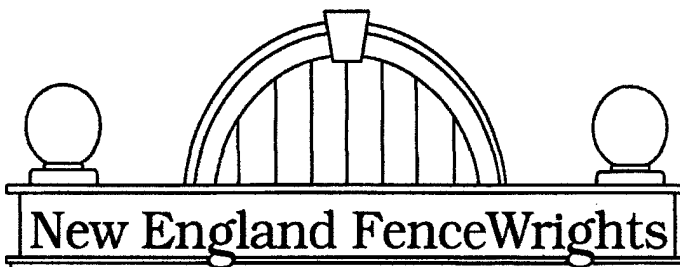
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"There seems to be an impression that Mr. Dolan is acting *ex officio* without our input," Selectman Pierce said. "There is nothing Mr. Dolan does without our knowledge. I don't know where that impression came from but it is certainly in error."

"I really think it would be a grave disservice to the management of the Town of Marion to proceed with some of the things that have been suggested," Chairman Henry said. "Administrative Services was formed, first of all, in order to create a bargaining unit and, secondly, to consolidate the workforce at Town Hall and level it as needed. My opinion is it would be a grave disservice to fragment the Administrative Services in Town Hall as suggested."

Chairman Henry also referenced recent comments made in the press about how the Board of Selectmen have made a serious mistake in allowing Mr. Dolan to make such wholesale administrative changes in the Marion Town House.

"There have been comments (suggesting the Selectmen) will pay the political consequences," Chairman Henry said. "I think we're doing what's in the best interest of the town. We need to be consistent, we need to listen to the input of the Finance Committee (FinCom), and we need to streamline town government starting right here in Town Hall. We certainly don't want Town



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Meeting to be making staffing issues at Town Hall every time a position needs to be changed."

But members of the Board of Health and Planning Board remained staunchly opposed to the idea of sharing a single clerical position and, in particular, the way in which this change was imposed upon them without their input.

"There's been a great deal of miscommunication and I leave it at the doorstep of the administration," said Board of Health member Albin Johnson. "We had this bomb dropped on us ... why weren't we consulted about this from the beginning?"

"With the advent of the new Town Administration, he's taken the bull by the horns and is running things



Animal Advice

Jay Gould, DVM

VOMITING CATS

I have 2 cats. Both have vomited in the house a few times a week since I have owned them. The 5 year old female really pigs out. She eats her dry cat food really fast and then vomits it about 5 minutes later. We try feeding her small, frequent meals and that seems to help but it is labor intensive. Do you have any thoughts?

Cats that eat their food very rapidly and then vomit need to have their food intake slowed down. Try covering the food with 2-4 golf balls. The cat will have to nudge the balls out of the way to get a mouthfull and this will slow down their eating. Changing from dry to canned food may also help but will make more of a mess if it doesn't stay down.

My other cat has always vomited 3-4 times a week. She vomits, food sometimes and just yellow frothy bile at others. Occasionally there is a clump of hair in the vomit. She seems healthy and happy otherwise. What can I do to help her?

This may be more difficult to manage. Cats with this pattern of vomiting may have a number of problems. Two of the more common are a bacterial infection in the stomach caused by Helicobacter felis or a condition called inflammatory bowel disease. Try changing your cats diet to a different kind of food. Often the use of a premium cat food will help. If 2-3 diet changes over a couple of months is not helpful then discuss the problem with your veterinarian.

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by the letter of the law," said resident Carol Sanz. "You say it's in his job description and you're right. But I never realized that's how things were to be done. You're not appreciating how the townspeople feel about the way this was done."

In other matters, the board:

- Approved one-day alcohol licenses for events at the Marion Music Hall (January 8, 2006) and VFW Post (January 7 and February 4, 2006).

- Appointed Dean Allen and Donna Gibbs as Basic EMTs with the Town of Marion.

- Noted receipt of a letter from Fire Chief Richard Guerzoni of a code violation at Christy's Market on Route 6 relative to the establishment's off-loading a tanker without required barricades in place.

- Received notice from Police Chief Lincoln Miller that Officer Bryan Whalen has resigned as a full-time police officer with the Marion Police Department to take a similar position with the Wareham Police Department.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:35 pm.

Sports Shorts

By Erica Nelson

Friday, December 30, proved to be an important day in **ORR Bulldog Athletics**. As the winter really begins to kick in, the **Girls Basketball Team** continues

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to work hard with what they've got and are showing excellent results. After shifting around a few things and working out some kinks, **Coach Bob Hohne** and his Lady Bulldogs seem to have got the hang of it. They put another win under their belts when they hosted Bishop Stang's Lady Spartans at 7:00, bringing their overall record up to an impressive 4-1. Junior and three-year varsity team member **Noelle Fougere** has really stepped up to the plate. She led the team to victory last Friday and continues, along with junior **Lauren Boiven**, to be a necessity to the team. The girls will face Dighton- Rehoboth at home this week.

On the other hand, the **Boys Basketball Team** isn't having such a great time. They suffered an upsetting loss last Friday away at Seekonk. Despite efforts from key player senior **Sam Forge**, the Bulldogs came away from the game with a disappointing 94-50 final score. The team stands at 1-5 overall and 1-3 in the South Coast Conference. They will face Dighton- Rehoboth away this week.

The **ORR Boys Hockey Team** hosted Sandwich last Friday and battled hard for a final tie score at 4-4. Senior captains **Walter Hartley** and **Patrick Haverty** each scored a goal, while junior **Timmy Mathews** and sophomore **Zack Sherman** also added a point to the scoreboard. According to junior Mathews, the team is really starting to take it up a notch. They have a promising overall record of 3-2-2. They will face Martha's Vineyard at Martha's Vineyard this week. The game is important to

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the team's standing in the SCC. The Bulldogs need to beat the talented Martha's Vineyard team to secure hope for the post season.

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• **Mattapoisett Recreation** is kicking off the **Fourth to Sixth Grade Basketball Season with Mid-Day Madness on Saturday, January 7 at Old Hammondtown School** starting at 11:00 am. Volunteers (team parents) are needed ... please contact Debbie Soares at 508-758-4252 for more details.

• **Third Grade Girls and Boys Basketball:** Sign-ups will be held on **Thursday, January 5 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm** at Center School. Mattapoisett Recreation is excited to announce that this year's program will be run by Jessica

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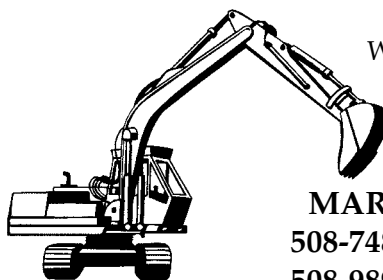
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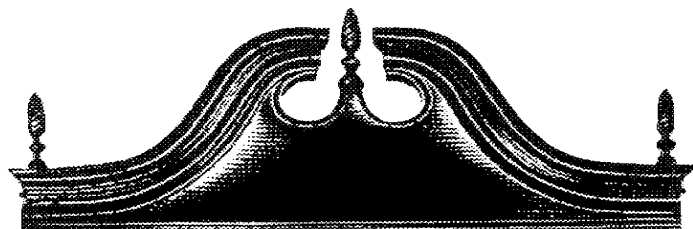


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• **Baseball / Girls Softball:** Sign-ups will be on **Saturday, January 14** and **Saturday, January 28 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon** in the Old Hammondtown School Gymnasium. Any child ages 5 to 12 before April 30, 2006 is eligible for baseball and girls in Grades 3 to 8 are eligible for softball. Registrations may be mailed in but must be received by January 30 (team size for baseball is limited, so late registration may result in your child being placed on a waiting list). Upcoming clinics, tryouts and other information will be posted on the website (www.mattapoisettrec.net) and sent home.

• **Registration Forms** for all programs will be sent home with each child and are available at the Mattapoisett Town Hall, Center School, Old Hammondtown School, and online at www.mattapoisettrec.net. Questions? Call **Gretchen MacDonald** at 508-758-4100 or e-mail ddgmac@aol.com.

Rochester Youth Baseball

Rochester Youth Baseball will hold its annual registration for the 2006 season on **Wednesday, January 11** at the **Rochester Memorial School Cafeteria** from **6:30 to 8:30 pm**. The invitation to play baseball is open to any town resident between the ages of 5 and 12 years old. Rochester Youth Baseball offers a wide range in play from Tee Ball, Farm and Minor Leagues to Little League. Last year's players are reminded of the need to make this registration date.

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Polar Plunge

Join the **First Annual Polar Plunge** at the **Mat-tapoisett YMCA** on **Saturday, January 7, 2006** at **1:00 pm**. The first 40 adults and first 10 children to register will receive complimentary long sleeve t-shirts. Harriet's Catering will provide complimentary chowder and prizes will be awarded for the oldest and youngest swimmers and craziest costume. Fees are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children under 12, with all proceeds to benefit **Mat-tapoisett YMCA Youth Programs**. For more information, please call 508-758-4203.

Mariner Youth Soccer

The **Mariner Youth Soccer Club**, in cooperation with the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association (MYSA), will be sponsoring a series of MYSA licensing courses for youth soccer coaches this coming January. The licensing courses are important for youth soccer coaches to help ensure area soccer players are properly developed with the best and most current coaching methods. The licensing courses are sequential, with each course building on previous courses by using more advanced training methods

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- **"E" Course:** Monday, January 16, 6:00 to 10:00 pm; Saturday, January 21, 2-6PM: and Sunday, January 22, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; (Duration - 16 hours; Cost - \$85/person; Prerequisites - F License, and must be at least 6 months after completion of the F course).



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- **Flick and Float:** The Gleason Family YMCA will be hosting the next Flick and Float family event on Friday, January 13, 2006. This event will include floating in the pool and viewing the movie hit *Ice Age* (PG). Tickets are now on sale at the Member Services desk. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and children are \$3 in advance. Space is

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School Committee Meetings

The following is a schedule of School Committee Meetings for January 2006:

- Monday, January 9 at 7:00 pm: Mattapoisett School Committee at Center School;
- Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30 pm: ORR District School Committee at ORR High School;
- Wednesday, January 18 at 6:30 pm: Marion School Committee at Sippican School;
- Thursday, January 19 at 6:00 pm: Rochester School Committee at Memorial School;
- Thursday, January 26 at 7:00 pm: Joint Meeting of ORR School Committee and Mass. School Superintendency Union No. 55 at ORR High School.

ORCTV Channel 9 Schedule

- Thursday, January 5 – 6:30 pm: Drawing With Dave; 7:00 pm: Whale's Soundings (Fort Rodman); 8:00 pm: Rochester Memorial School's Holiday Concert;
- Friday, January 6 – 6:00 pm: PACE Fuel Assistance; 6:30 pm: Bulldog TV Show #2; 7:00 pm: Marion

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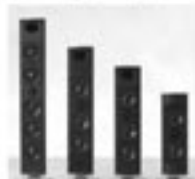


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• Monday, January 9 – 8:00 pm: Capitol Perspectives (Senator Kennedy); 8:30 pm: Commonwealth Report (Senator Pacheco); 9:00 pm: Polish Hour;

• Tuesday, January 10 – 7:00 pm: Inside the ORR School District (ORR High School Principal Bruce Clarke and ORR High School Assistant Principal Al Laboranti); 7:35 pm: Bulldog TV Show #2;

• Wednesday, January 11 – 7:00 pm: Antiquing (Oriental Rugs); 8:10 pm: Wild Bill's Watercolors; 8:40 pm: Inside the ORR School District (ORR High School Principal Bruce Clarke and ORR High School Assistant Principal Al Laboranti).

Mattapoisett Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society is holding the Second Annual Relay for Life of the Tri-Town. The 21-hour relay will be held at Old Rochester Regional High School on June 9 and 10, 2006. A planning meeting will be held Monday, January 9, 2006 at 6:00 pm at the offices of Jack Conway and Company at 6 County Road in Mattapoisett. Anyone interested in obtaining more information is encouraged to attend. The organizing committee is looking for volunteers to serve on various committees. For more information, feel free to call Event Chairman Bonnie Davidson at 508-858-4076.



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Mattapoisett American Legion

The monthly membership meeting of the Florence Eastman Post 280 American Legion will be held at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street in Mattapoisett on the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on January 18 at 7:30 pm. All members are invited to attend. This meeting will be used to finalize plans



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Tri-Town Business Association

The Tri-Town Business Association held its December meeting on December 14, 2005 at the Fellowship Hall located behind the First Congregational Church in Rochester. This holiday meeting allowed members and guests the chance to meet and socialize with other business owners who live or work in the tri-town area. The Jazz Combo from ORR High School provided holiday music and members and guests brought toys, games and gift certificates which were donated to Turning Point in Wareham.

The Tri-Town Business Association is a non-profit organization which brings together individual businesses, schools and residents of the tri-town area, giving them the opportunity to meet with each other and foster economic growth as well as enhance the educational communities of the tri-towns.

The regular monthly meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month with the next meeting slated for Wednesday, January 18, 2006 beginning at 7:45 am. For more information, please contact Pat Shea at 508-748-2689 or Bev Pierce at 508-763-5503.

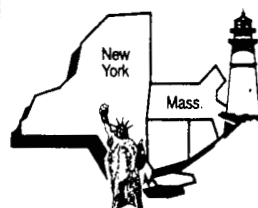
Mattapoisett Maconchu Club

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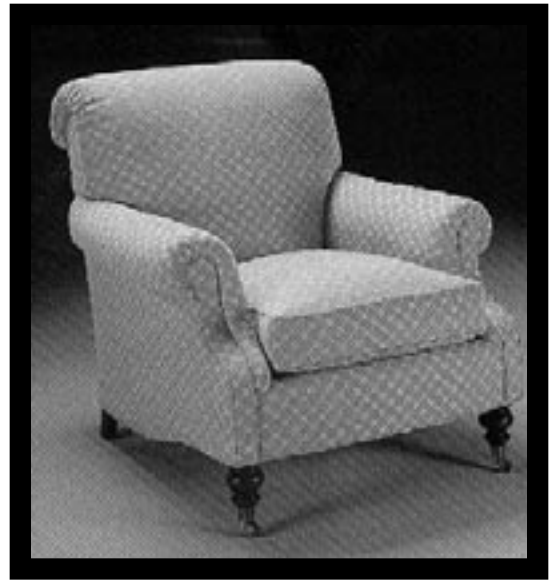
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Marion VFW Chicken Barbecue

The Benjamin D. Cushing Post 2425 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Marion announces a Texas-style "Take Out Only" Chicken Barbecue on Sunday, January 15, 2006 at the VFW Pavilion on Route 6 in Marion. Pick-up is between 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm. The menu will feature a half chicken barbecued, potato salad, Blue Lake green beans, cranberry sauce, roll and butter, and dessert. Donation is \$8 per person. For tickets or more information, please call Robert Demeo (508-748-1080); Joseph Napoli (508-748-2799); Gardner McWilliams (508-295-9558); Jere Hill (508-295-5047); or John Robarge (508-295-9107).

Rochester Town Election

The Annual Town Election for the Town of Rochester will be held April 12, 2006. The last day to take out and return Nomination Papers is Wednesday, February 22, 2006. The last day to register to vote for the Annual



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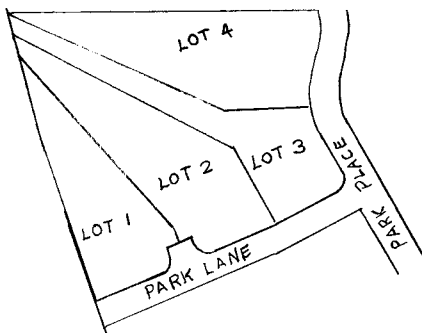
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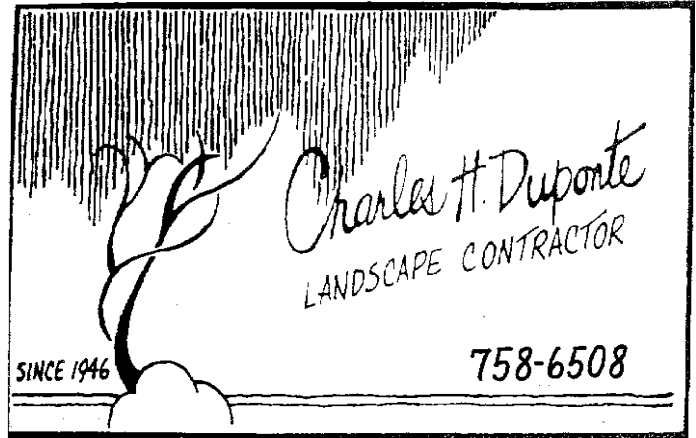


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Mattapoisett Woman's Club

Please join the Mattapoisett Woman's Club on January 19 at 12:00 noon. After a light luncheon, creator Gladys Ellis and her daughter Ann will discuss both Mattapoisett and Nantucket bags. The Mattapoisett bag was first exhibited at the Mattapoisett Historical Society Fair in 1968 (and won best in show). Gladys Ellis teaches classes

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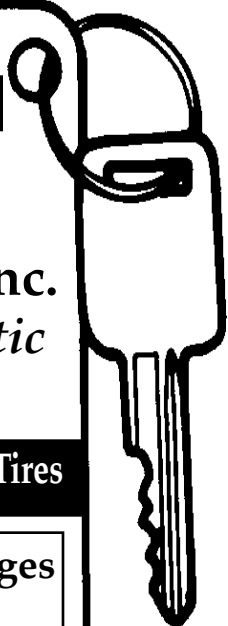
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In a letter to the Board of Selectmen, Executive Director Nils L. Nordberg of the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association extended congratulations and conveyed the thanks of that body to the people of Marion for supporting Ms. Blanchette's efforts which culminated in this honor and achievement. Mr. Nordberg went on to say he was confident that the people of Marion would continue to support their Treasurer/Collector's efforts to maintain and increase her expertise.

Ms. Blanchette received her Renewal Certification on December 14 at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester during luncheon ceremonies which were attended by many state and local government notables.

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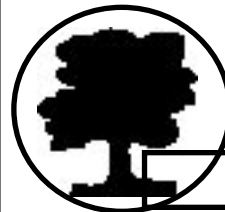
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- Monday, January 9 – Water Aerobics 8:00 am; SHINE Counselor 9:30 am; Garden Club 10:00 am; Fairhaven Marts 1:00 pm; Scrabble 1:00 pm; Friends of the Elderly 3:00 pm;
- Tuesday, January 10 – Stop and Shop/Marts 8:30 am; PACE Exercise Class 9:00 am; Public Health Nurse 9:30 to 11:30 am; Handwork Group 10:00 am; Crafts 1:15 pm; Weight Training 2:00 pm;
- Wednesday, January 11 – Water Aerobics 8:00 am; Lunch with Kindergarten 12:00 noon; Bingo 1:00 pm;
- Thursday, January 12 – PACE Exercise Class 9:00 am; Public Health Nurse 9:30 to 11:30 am; Silver City Galleria Mall 9:30 am;
- Friday, January 13 – Shaws Trip 8:30 am; Weight Training 9:30 am; Veterans Agent 1:00 pm;
- Saturday, January 14 – Tri-County Symphony 2:00 pm (please call the COA at 508-758-4110 for more information and/or to arrange a ride);
- Monday, January 16 – Center Closed (Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday).



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Sippican Seniors

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Rochester Dog Licenses

The 2006 dog licenses for the Town of Rochester are in. This is a reminder that it is time to come in and license your dog. The fee is \$7 for a neutered or spayed pet, or \$10 for an unneutered or unsprayed pet. Dogs unlicensed after April 15 will result in owners being fined a late fee of \$25. If you are unable to come to the Town Hall to obtain your dog's license, please have someone obtain and fill out the form available at Town Hall and send a stamped self-addressed envelope along with your check (payable to the Town of Rochester) and the license will be mailed to you.

Marion Recreation Skating

Following is the schedule for Marion Recreation Family Time Ice Skating at the Tabor Academy Ice Rink. Skating is open from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at the rink at a cost of \$3 per person on the following dates: Sunday, January 8; Sunday, January 15; Sunday, January 22; Sunday, January 29; Sunday, February 5; Sunday, February

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SouthCoast Community Chorale

The South Coast Community Chorale is looking for new members for its Spring Semester. New members will be accepted through Wednesday, January 18. If you love to sing and have the ability to match pitch and blend with other choristers, please join them as they begin rehearsals for their annual spring concert featuring Faure's *Requiem* and Broadway hits. All voice parts are welcome and there will be no auditions. The only other requirements are attendance at rehearsals, payment of dues, and to purchase music. Please contact Alexandra at 508-801-3688, Mary Louise at 508-252-3975, or Frank at 401-368-1698 for more information.

Annual Railroad Show

The Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Museum, Inc. will be sponsoring its Nineteenth Annual Railroad Show on Sunday, January 15, 2006 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Luke Urban Field House at BMC Durfee High School, 360 Elsbree Street, in Fall River. The public is invited to attend this show, with all proceeds directly benefit-

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New this year is an H.O. scale model railroad layout provided by the Little Rhody Model Railroad Club. This year's show will also include a huge H.O. scale model railroad provided by the Cape Cod Model Railroad Club. On hand again this year is the New Haven Railroad Historical and Technical Association, with items for sale pertaining to the New Haven Railroad.

There is an admission charge of \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 2 to 10, and no charge for children under 2 when accompanied by an adult. A special family rate of \$10 for a family of four has been added this year.

All funds from this show will be used to enhance the Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Museum, located at 2 Water Street at Battleship Cove. For further information, please contact Jay Chatterton, P.O. Box 3455, Fall River, MA 02722-3455, or call 508-674-9340. You can also visit the museum's website at www.ocandfrailroadmuseum.com.

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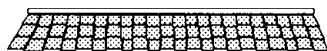
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Marion Conservation Commission

The Marion Conservation Commission (ConCom) has an immediate opening. The ConCom meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month and usually last less than two hours. Site inspections are held on the Saturday mornings prior to the meetings. No special qualifications are required, just a willingness to learn and regularly attend the scheduled meetings and inspections. Letters of interest should be sent to the Marion Board of Selectmen, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738.

Rochester Scholarship Committee

The Rochester Scholarship Committee was established in 1996 for the purpose of providing scholarships to worthy Rochester senior high school college bound students.

Residents of Rochester have the opportunity to donate money toward this fund. When residents receive their real estate tax bill this month, there will be a yellow insert in the envelope for donations. Donations may also be mailed directly to the Rochester Town Hall, ATTN: Scholarship Committee.

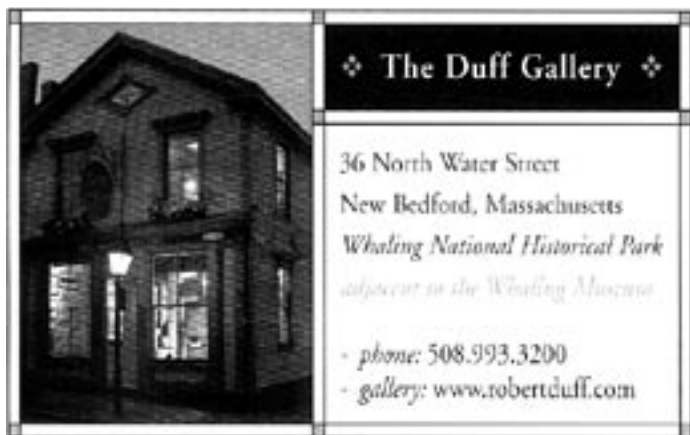
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The South Coast's Sippican Choral Society invites all current, past, and new choristers to sing with us as we begin rehearsals for our spring 2006 concert.

Rehearsals are Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 pm; beginning Monday, January 9 at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church's Reynard Hall, at Church and Mechanic Streets in Mattapoisett village. Parking is available on the church property and on-street nearby.

The Sippican Choral Society welcomes back its music director, Brian Roderick, and pianist, Michelle Gordon. The spring concert theme is "Songs and Sonnets." The show will feature popular and traditional American and international folk songs and ballads, including arrangements by Aaron Copland, George Shearing, and Roy Ringwald. The concert is scheduled for the weekend of Friday, April 28 through Sunday April 30, 2005. A cabaret format is planned.

Registration and music pickup is scheduled just prior to the first rehearsal, between 7:00 and 7:15 pm. Dues are \$25 for the semester.

Mattapoisett Transfer Station

The winter hours of the Mattapoisett Transfer Station are Thursday and Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, and Saturday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you have any questions, please call the Mattapoisett Board of Health at 508-758-4112.

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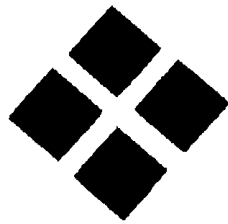


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Mattapoisett Senior News

• Senior Speakers Series: This year the Mattapoisett COA Speaker Series will include various town departments. These presentations will give us a chance to meet and learn more about the individuals and programs within our own community. Our first presentation will be on Friday, January 13 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. Mattapoisett Veterans Agent Mr. Barry Denham will be presenting information of interest to all veterans and their families. Please join us at the Senior Center, transportation is available if needed. Please call the COA at 508-758-4110 to sign up.

• Pampered Feet: Due to recent construction, Pampered Feet has been rescheduled to January 6, 2006. Limited afternoon appointments are still available for this date. Pampered Feet is also scheduled as usual for January 25, 2006. Please call 508-758-4110 now to make an appointment.

• COA Scrabble: Want to preserve some brain cells? Various games have been shown to improve and maintain cognitive skills. Join us at the Mattapoisett Senior Center for Scrabble every Monday at 1:00 pm. Thanks to the Mattapoisett Library for a new *Official Scrabble Players' Dictionary*!

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Mattapoisett COA on their trip to the Silver City Galleria Mall in Taunton. The van will be leaving on Thursday, January 12 at 9:30 am. Please call 508-758-4110 to reserve your spot.

- Tri-County Musical: The Mattapoisett COA will be traveling to the Tri-County Musical Concert at Old Rochester Regional High School on Saturday, January 14 for the 2:00 pm performance. Save some gas and join them for a safe and fun trip! Please call 508-758-4110 to reserve a seat.

- Holiday Closing: Just a reminder that the Mattapoisett Senior Center will be closed on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. The Monday "Fairhaven Marts" trip will run on Tuesday at 1:00 pm instead.

- Medicare Part D: Are you still confused about Medicare Part D? Mr. Robert Walter, the Mattapoisett COA's SHINE Counselor, is available on Mondays to clarify this program and some of your options. Please call the Senior Center at 508-758-4110 to make an appointment.

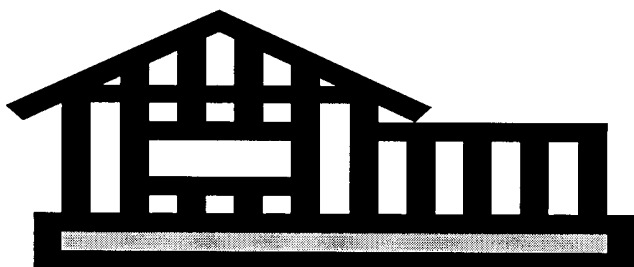
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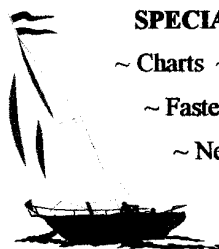
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Tales for Twos, a 10-week series of storytimes for children between the ages of 24 and 39 months runs from January 11 through March 15, 2006. The half-hour of stories, fingerplays, and crafts will be offered on Wednesday mornings at 10:15 am with the possibility of a Friday session also. Children must be two years old by January 1, 2006 to attend and must be accompanied by an enthusiastic adult companion. Pre-registration is required by calling or stopping by the library, or e-mailing Marsha Rehkamp at mrehkamp@sailsinc.org.

Winter Storytime for children between the ages of three and five begins the week of January 9, 2006 and runs through the week of March 13, 2006. Children are invited to enjoy stories, fingerplays and crafts on Monday mornings at 10:15 am or Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm.

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Rochester Grange Anniversary

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If you have any stories or other pictures of the Rochester Grange they are also looking for them. Many remember the Minstrel Shows, dances and the many other activities that were held at the Rochester Grange. That includes graduating from the eighth grade on their stage. These are all part of local history and it is hoped that these stories can be put together for others to read and enjoy. For more information, please contact Grange President Susan LaFleur at 508-295-8908, or email her at

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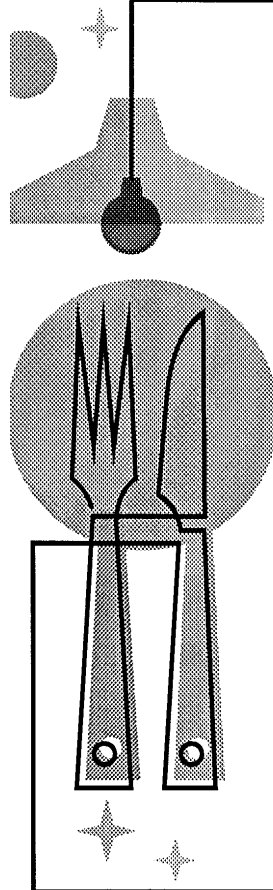
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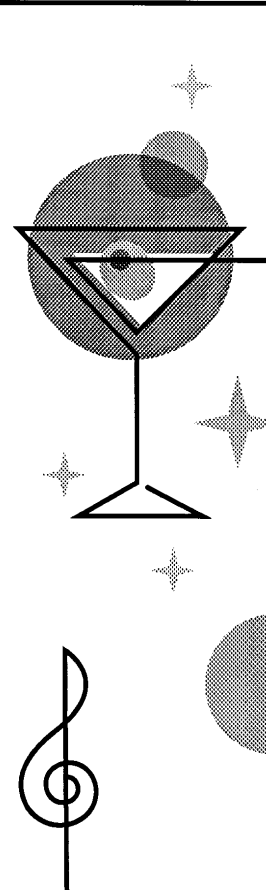
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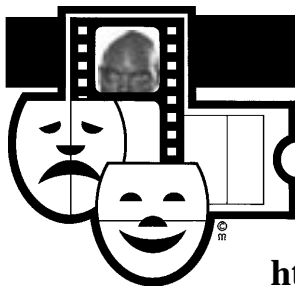
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***Brokeback Mountain*. Starring Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal. Directed by Ang Lee. Running time: 134 minutes. MPAA rating: R.**

The eponymous range in *Brokeback Mountain* is many things, but it sure doesn't look like a place that could nurture love. The clouds in the Wyoming sky look like bruises on metal; if the cold or the hail don't get you, the bears or coyotes might. Aptly named, it's a real spine-cruncher of a locale, especially if you're a cowboy riding a skittish horse and trying to move hundreds of sheep from one end of the rocky, barren place to the other. Ang Lee's *Brokeback Mountain*, adapted from Annie Proulx' 1997 story first published in *The New Yorker*, imagines the nosebleed parts of Wyoming as the world itself, a vast yet constricting place where forms of love that don't meet with society's approval are shunted off among the creeks and wildlife. The mountain is both an epic backdrop and a closet.

It's 1963, and two hard-luck ranch hands — Ennis Del Mar (Heath Ledger) and Jack Twist (Jake Gyllenhaal) — meet at the trailer of their would-be employer, Joe Aguirre (Randy Quaid). They're assigned to Brokeback, where they'll theoretically keep Joe's sheep from becoming coyote munchies. It's a harsh and lonely job — the men are supposed to camp miles apart — and Ennis and Jack fill their time together with resentful talk about the boss and a few tidbits of autobiography. Jack does rodeos for off-season cash; orphaned young, with no family to fall back on, Ennis mostly kicks around. After about half an hour of screen time (seven pages in Proulx' concise story), it happens: the men share a tent and find themselves in the grip of a passion neither one understands.

Brokeback Mountain is not, as some claim, part of "the gay agenda"; it has the simplicity and clarity of a fable, wedded to the gnarled and taciturn physical realism of the Western. It is the classical star-crossed love, intended by Lee and screenwriters Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana to be universal. Two men form the core, but Ennis emerges as the (flawed) hero, a man so strangled by fear that even his words come out half-swallowed. Ennis knows from horrid experience what happens to men like him and Jack in this part of the land. He says goodbye to Jack at the end of the season, then throws himself into marriage (Michelle Williams, as his wife Alma, emerges here as a major young actress post-*Dawson's Creek*) and kids. It's what he's supposed to do. Jack, for



his part, meets and marries a feisty cowgirl (Anne Hathaway) and becomes an afterthought in his own life, treated contemptuously by his rich in-laws.

Every so often, the men reunite (for "fishing trips" that fail to fool their wives for long) and head for Brokeback Mountain, the one place they can be themselves. Jack is impatient; he wants to start up a ranch with Ennis and be with him all the time. Ennis, averting his eyes, mumbles about work commitments he can't get out of. There isn't much overt, external homophobia in *Brokeback Mountain* — even mean old Joe Aguirre doesn't blow the whistle on the men when he spots them wrestling half-naked, and we feel that if Ennis and Jack had done a better job with the sheep, he would've hired them back no matter what they did at night. The phobia is all internal — Jack beating his head against Ennis' nightmare of what might happen. Heath Ledger has gotten more interesting in the past couple of years, but this is his finest and most subtly shaded work yet; he makes Ennis a man mentally lashing out at shadows but too afraid even to speak most of the time. He shows us the terror inside the laconic Western hero.

Brokeback Mountain is the ideal project for Ang Lee, a director who has probed the sore spots of repressed people throughout his career: the gay-themed *The Wedding Banquet* (1993), *Eat Drink Man Woman* (1994), *Sense and Sensibility* (1995), *The Ice Storm* (1997), *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* (2000), even *Hulk* (2003). Lee tells this story with delicate candor, making stunning use of the imposing (and actually Canadian) backdrop and working with a sensual rigor almost unmatched in recent films: You can just about taste the terrible coffee, smell the sheep, feel the skin-flaying cold. As pure cinema, the movie is a considerable triumph, told with as few words as possible; "You don't say much, but you get your point across," someone says to Ennis' daughter (a chip off the old tight-lipped block), and that extends to *Brokeback Mountain*, which should not be used by one political side or another as a cultural bludgeon. It's more like one of those bruise-colored clouds in the Wyoming sky — viewed by some as a harbinger of destruction, welcomed by others as a cleansing and undeniable force that allows for blooming.

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Chronicles of Narnia (PG) — 12:00, 3:00, 6:45, 9:35

King Kong (PG-13) — 12:00, 3:50, 7:30

Cheaper by the Dozen 2 (PG) — 12:05, 2:15, 4:20, 7:00, 9:05

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Harry Potter & Goblet of Fire (PG-13) — 12:15, 6:50

Grandma's Boy (R) — 12:30, 2:40, 4:45, 7:10, 9:20

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Brokeback Mountain (R) — 12:50, 4:00, 7:20, 9:50

Syriana (R) — 1:00, 3:40, 7:10, 9:40

Pride and Prejudice (PG) — 12:50, 4:00, 7:05, 9:40

Good Night, and Good Luck (PG) — 1:30, 4:20

The Squid and the Whale (R) — 7:30, 9:20

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Grandma's Boy (R) — 12:40, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 9:35

Cheaper by the Dozen 2 (PG) — 12:35, 2:45, 4:45, 6:55, 9:05

Fun With Dick and Jane (PG-13) — 12:45, 2:50, 4:50, 7:10, 9:20

King Kong (PG-13) — 12:30, 4:05, 7:45

Chronicles of Narnia (PG) — 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

Family Stone (PG-13) — 1:20, 7:15

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- February 9, 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Tracking program: "Who Goes There?"

Let's investigate Holmes Brook woods and see what animals have been using the area during the winter. The group will be looking at tracks in snow and/or

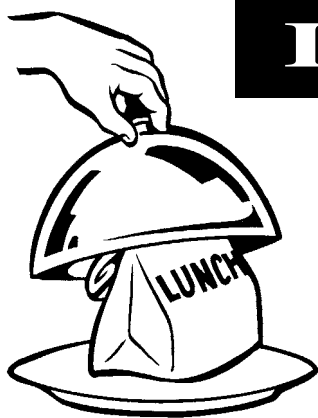


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Wednesday, January 11: Sloppy Joe on a bun, mashed potatoes, carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, January 12: Hot dog, baked potato puffs, peas, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, January 13: Stuffed crust pizza, tuna salad sandwich, carrot sticks, celery sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

• COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, January 9: Escarole and bean soup, savory baked chicken, zucchini and tomatoes, whole wheat roll, orange.

Tuesday, January 10: Turkey stew with vegetables, fluffy rice, oatmeal bread, pineapple in light syrup.

Wednesday, January 11: Roast pork with applesauce gravy, parsnip, whipped potatoes, sliced carrots, quick bread roll, tapioca pudding, sugar-free pudding.

• CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, January 9: Chicken pattie, lettuce/tomato, chicken rice soup, fresh grapes, milk.

Tuesday, January 10: Meatball sub, toasted cheese, tomato soup, tossed salad greens, fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday, January 11: Macaroni and cheese, garlic bread, fresh salad, minestrone soup, milk.

Thursday, January 12: Stuffed crust pizza, tuna roll, clam chowder, fresh salad, orange slices, milk.

Friday, January 13: HALF DAY (bagels served).

• FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL ACUSHNET

Monday, January 9: Macaroni and cheese, sweet green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, January 10: Baked chicken, rice, corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, January 11: Sloppy Joe on a bun, mashed potatoes, carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, January 12: Hot dog, baked potato puffs, peas, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, January 13: Stuffed crust pizza, tuna salad sandwich, carrot sticks, celery sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

• MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, January 9: Chicken pattie, lettuce/tomato, chicken rice soup, fresh grapes, milk.

Tuesday, January 10: Meatball sub, toasted cheese, tomato soup, tossed salad greens, fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday, January 11: Macaroni and cheese, garlic bread, fresh salad, minestrone soup, milk.

Thursday, January 12: Stuffed crust pizza, tuna roll, clam chowder, fresh salad, orange slices, milk.

Friday, January 13: HALF DAY (bagels served).

• OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, January 9: Rib-a-que, turkey wrap, potato puffs, mixed vegetables, pears.

Tuesday, January 10: Orange juice, chicken chow mein sandwich, bologna and cheese, rice, green beans, cookie.

Wednesday, January 11: Chicken pattie, French fries, corn, mixed fruit.

Thursday, January 12: Hot pocket, Italian sub, spicy fries, carrots, jello.

Friday, January 13: Pizza bagel, fish sandwich, pretzels, peas, fruit.

• OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, January 9: Chicken pattie, lettuce/tomato, chicken rice soup, fresh grapes, milk.

Tuesday, January 10: Meatball sub, toasted cheese, tomato soup, tossed salad greens, fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday, January 11:

Macaroni and cheese, garlic bread, fresh salad, minestrone soup, milk.

Thursday, January 12: Stuffed crust pizza, tuna roll, clam chowder, fresh salad, orange slices, milk.

Friday, January 13: HALF DAY (bagels served).

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Wednesday, January 11: Macaroni and cheese, garlic bread, fresh salad, minestrone soup, milk.

Thursday, January 12: Stuffed crust pizza, tuna roll, clam chowder, fresh salad, orange slices, milk.

Friday, January 13: HALF DAY (bagels served).

• SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, January 9: Chicken pattie, lettuce/tomato, chicken rice soup, fresh grapes, milk.

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Wednesday, January 11: Macaroni and cheese, garlic bread, fresh salad, minestrone soup, milk.

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mud and trying to identify them and figure out what the animal was up to.

- March 9, 3:30 to 4:30 pm, "Marine Mammal Strandings."

Cape Cod Stranding Network will show us what they do when marine mammal gets stranded along our shoreline. They will be answering questions about who we call and what do we do if we find a stranded animal.

- March 30, 3:30 to 4:30 pm, "Vernal Pools."

Join Elizabeth, the museum director, during this annual favorite. We will be looking at slides to help us identify the animals that inhabit these vital ecosystems, then we will be using a dissecting microscope to take a close-up look at live specimens.

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Another Swan Song

By Kenneth J. Souza
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Working here at *The Wanderer* for going on 14 years now, I guess I've reached a point where I've crossed paths with so many people that I've probably forgotten more names and faces than I care to admit. Then, of course, there are those who make such an indelible impression that they remain in my thoughts long after our temporarily converging paths go off in other directions.

One such person who worked with our small-knit family here at *The Wanderer* for a brief but memorable period was Rebecca M. Fortin, an intelligent and wholly personable woman who was incessantly bright, cheery and full of life. So full of life, in fact, that I could hardly believe the devastating news of her passing last week at the all-too-young age of 35. My heart goes out to her husband, Michael, and her two children, Matthew and Riley — both of whom were Rebecca's pride and joy.

At *The Wanderer* Rebecca worked as both a part-time "stringer," serving as my backup when Selectmen's meetings were double-booked in two of the three towns, and also was our catch-all proofreader for a stint. A fellow English major, she and I struck up an easy rapport and would always find ourselves discussing the latest books, movies or music releases in between writing detailed accounts of small-town politics.

Our shared interests in writing and film actually led to an unrelated collaboration that, alas, became one of those "unfinished works in progress" I'll always regret letting fall by the wayside.

As some of you may know, in my "other career" I teach film and video production at Bristol Community College, but I've always been a frustrated filmmaker at heart. One of many pet projects I conceived was a 30-minute short film shot on the then-fledgling DV format titled "Swan Song." It was essentially a murder mystery with a twist akin to an episode of *The Twilight Zone*.

Having initially coerced friends and students into filling most of the four central roles, Rebecca bravely agreed to take on the all-important female lead and endured many a late-night shooting and reshooting the same redundant scenes from various angles. Those who think film production is glamorous and exciting should visit a production-in-progress sometime to see just how mundane and repetitive it *really* is.



Despite my directorial fumbleings and eternal problems with sound and lighting, Rebecca remained cheerful and professional throughout the shoot and was, in a word, charming. Not only did she photograph exceptionally well, but she showed promising talent as an actress, too. Sadly, "Swan Song" was a project that relied on the goodwill of mostly volunteer labor and we were unable to complete shooting all the key scenes needed to tell the full story. I did manage to edit together most of the early scenes where Rebecca played a rising talent about to make the jump from local cable access news to a "real" network gig ... leaving her partner and former love interest behind.

Watching those key one-on-one scenes (*pictured above*) again this past week after learning of her passing, I was struck by how *real* her performance was. In fact, her own good-hearted nature really informed the character and made her far more sympathetic than I had intended in my bare-bones script.

But I'm not surprised, really. Because that *was* Rebecca. A rising star, eternally optimistic and full of life.

Rebecca continued working for a while at *The Wanderer* after we reluctantly abandoned "Swan Song," but I always hoped we'd finish it some day. We talked about it, but we never did go back to finish shooting the remaining scenes.

Life goes on, as The Beatles said.

After leaving *The Wanderer*, Rebecca still paid occasional visits to our office ... usually with son Matthew and later with baby Riley in tow. Then, we lost touch and I hadn't seen her for nearly two years when I read of her untimely passing on December 28.

Rebecca's life, like "Swan Song," may seem sadly incomplete, but I know those scenes in which she played a central role, however brief, will forever leave a lasting impression on those she knew.



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• April 28, 3:30 to 4:30 pm, "Butterflies."

Let's look at the museum's collections and learn about butterflies. What do they eat, where do they go, how long do they live? We will be watching a short video and working on a craft project.

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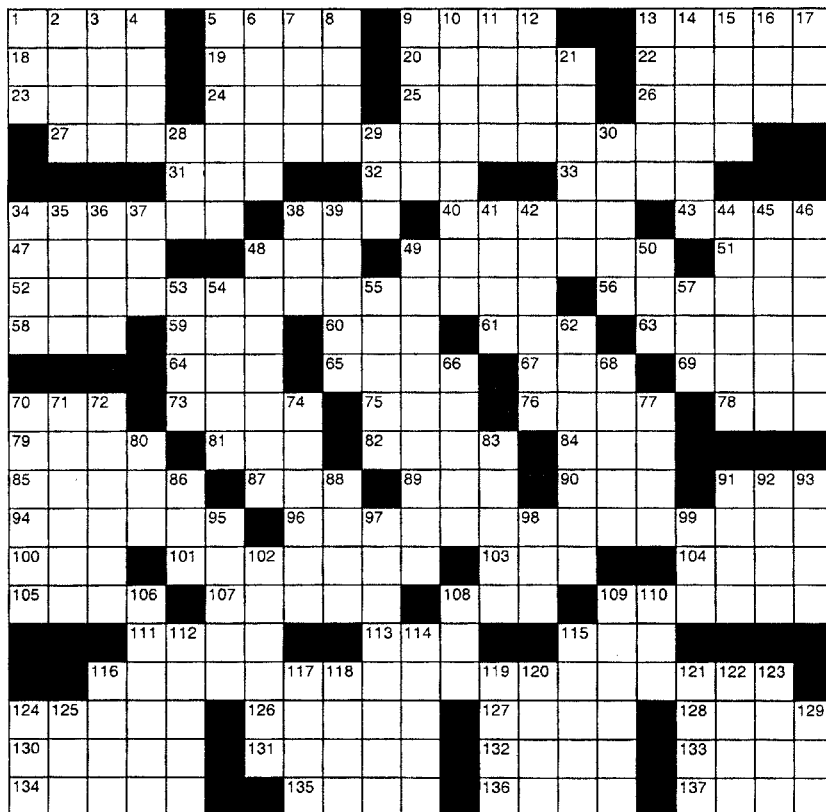
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SALOME'S STARS

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FOR RELEASE WEEK OF JAN. 2, 2006

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) As an Aries, you're eager to start the new year with a new project. But if you're getting mixed signals in response to your questions, consider holding off until everything is sorted out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) In dealing with a still "iffy" workplace project, it might be wise to wait to get something more substantial going before you become too involved. A personal matter might need attention.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Helping disputing parties find a way to reach an understanding is laudable. But try not to take too much time away from matters of special concern for you and those close to you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Things might not be as clear as you'd like, but those hazy areas could brighten up soon enough if you persist in having all your questions answered as a condition of any deal you might agree to.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Try to arrange your schedule to allow time for getting the facts to set up that plan you're considering. Potential supporters will also want more information before making commitments.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Making an assessment of last year's personal and professional successes and disappointments should provide a guideline for decisions you might well be facing in 2006.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The new year could bring some long-awaited news that will affect your plans to expand your business. Some colleagues might offer advice, some of which could be worth listening to.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) As you get into your busy post-holiday work schedule, don't forget to set aside time for someone close to you who might still need you to provide emotional reassurance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Learning more about some of the new people in your life could provide several surprises that the savvy Sagittarian will know how to put to his/her best advantage.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Several unexpected complications could threaten your plans. But once again, the nimble Goat will know how to get past those rocky moments without falling behind.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) While your creative aspect demands most of your energy this week, don't ignore matters dealing with practical challenges you might have to face up to in the not-so-distant future.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Some of the challenges that come with the new year might be unwelcome. But take the time to check them out before you make a decision about them one way or the other.

BORN THIS WEEK: You sometimes assume a parental attitude toward others, but they understand that it's only because you care for them.

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- Saturday, April 8, 10:00 am to 12 noon, "Bird-watching 101."

This will be a cooperative program with the Marion Natural History Museum and the the Sippican Lands Trust. Naturalist Ellen Minichiello will help us to discover the enjoyment of birds and their habitats. With the use of binoculars and field guides participants will be introduced to techniques for observing birds, their behaviors, and basic anatomy for identification. The pace will be slow and enjoyable! Wear layered clothing and sturdy footwear. We will be meeting at 16 Wilson Street in Marion (parking and restroom here). Bring binoculars, if you have them, but not required for this trip. To help off-set costs, this trip is offered for \$4 for members for either the MNHM or SLT, or \$5 for non-members. The program is also limited to 12 participants.

Tri-County Music Fest

The Old Rochester Regional High School Chorus cordially invites area senior citizens to the Tri-County Choral Music Festival, Directed by Tianxu Zhou, to be held on Saturday, January 14 at 2:00 pm in the Guilbert A. Sullivan Auditorium at Old Rochester Regional High School in Mattapoisett. Tickets are \$5 per person, with a special senior discount of \$2.50. Tickets will be available at the door.

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Application of Robert L. and Ronnie M. Garber by Custom Designs of 11 Ridgewood Lane, Marion, MA 02738 re property located at 1 Beacon Street. The applicants are seeking a Special Permit under Section 3.1.2.2 of the Zoning By-Law to construct a garage that will not meet the required setbacks. The property is further described as Plat 8, Lot 13 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, January 19, 2006 at 6:00 PM #1023

Petition of William J. & Carol A. Rankin of 221 Massachusetts Avenue, Apt. #903, Boston, MA 02115 re property located at 15 Beach Road. The petitioners are seeking a Variance under Sections 6.3.1 and 6.5 of the Zoning By-Law to construct a new dwelling that will not meet the required setbacks. The property is further described as Plat 2A, Lot 85 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, January 19, 2006 at 6:15 PM #1024

Application of Patricia Kaneb of 84 Aucoot Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 84 Aucoot Road. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Sections 5.2 and 5.1.5.2 of the Zoning By-Law to have a guest house on their existing property. The property is further described as Plat 3, Lot 83A on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, January 19, 2006 at 6:30 PM #1025

Petition of John and Pamela Lees of 19 Ned's Point Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 19 Ned's Point Road. The petitioners are seeking a Variance under Sections 6.3.2 and 6.5 of the Zoning By-Law to construct a 10' x 12' shed that will not meet the street setback. The property is further described as Plat 7, Lot 33 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, January 19, 2006, at 6:45 PM #1026

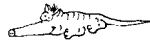
Application of Dennis R. Costello of 73 Monadnock Road, Wellesley, MA 02481 re property located at 7 Hiller's Cove Lane. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Section 3.2.2 of the Zoning By-Law to construct a garage that will exceed 864 square feet allowed under zoning. The property is further described as Plat 3, Lot 84 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, January 19, 2006 at 7:00 PM #1027

Application of Dr. Ghassan Dehni of 930 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA 02740 re property located at 6 Pine Ridge Lane. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Section 3.2.2 of the Zoning By-Law to construct a garage that will exceed the 864 square feet allowed under zoning. The property is further described as Plat 26A, Lot 16 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, January 19, 2006 at 7:15 PM #1028

Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.

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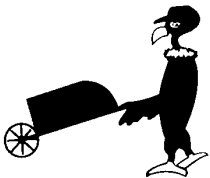
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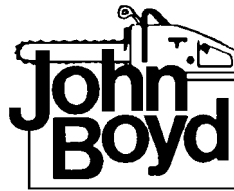
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January 7:	Sat.	1:32	2:00	8:20	7:42
January 8:	Sun.	2:32	3:01	9:36	8:41
January 9:	Mon.	3:35	4:03	10:35	9:33
January 10:	Tues.	4:38	5:02	11:25	10:20
January 11:	Wed.	5:35	5:55	11:59	11:04
January 12:	Thurs.	6:24	6:42	...	12:49
January 13:	Fri.	7:09	7:26	12:01	1:21
January 14:	Sat.	7:50	8:07	12:34	1:51
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January 16:	Mon.	9:05	9:27	2:04	2:52
January 17:	Tues.	9:41	10:06	2:46	3:23
January 18:	Wed.	10:16	10:45	3:28	3:55
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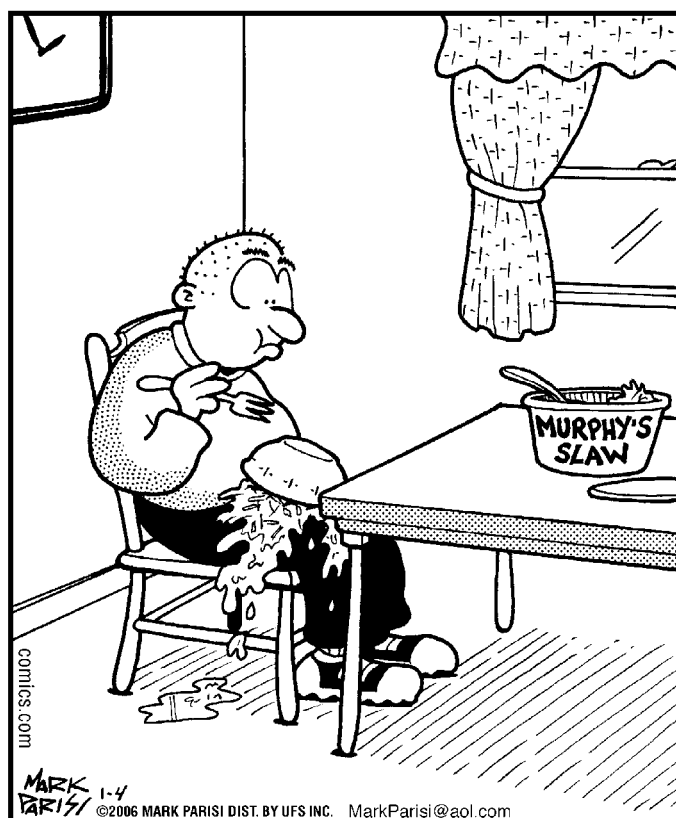
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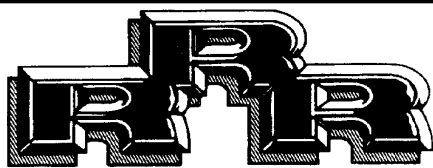
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